NEED \$500,000,000 **CUT IN RAIL PAY**

bor Costs to Roads by Less boat. Than 13 Per Cent.

WASHINGTON, May 25 (United can ask the Interstate Commerce Commission to reduce freight rates, it is estimated here. Government officials here indicated to-day that rates would be cut in July.

A \$500,000,000 cut would reduce by less than 13 per cent. the total an- training purposes rual labor cost of the roads, which at the beginning of 1951 was \$3,900, 000,000, according to Dr. Julius Parmelec, Director of the Bureau of Railway Economics.

A general horizontal increase of 30 per cent. was awarded 2,000,000 railcad workers last spring by the Labor Board. A reduction of 13 per cent, therefore, would leave nearly \$200,000,000 of the previous wage increase still in the pay envelopes of

The roads plan to add a saving of \$100,000,000 on coal purchases to that on wages which the Labor Board is expected to hand down about July 1. as previously anabunced by the

With lower freight rates and lower wage outlay the railroads will be deluged with freight now being held in warehouses as a result of the general conomic depression, it is assumed. The general result to the country will he a revival of trade and manufacturing and lower prices of most commodities, it is predicted.

Railroad managers now are planning to increase the number of work-ers as soon as the Labor Board hands down its decision. Lecomotives and cars now laid up for lack of repairs will be put in service and the roads made ready to handle the rush of business that it is expected will some

in midsummer.

Government officials, however, do not believe the wage cut will affect as many as 1.000.000 workers, as was at first reported unofficially from Chicago. The number of unskilled or common laborers on the road payrolls is considerably below 1.000,000. Common labor is lumped in four big classes of workers as follows:

Section hands, 220,000 at work Jan 1, at \$245,000.000 a year, "all other un-

1, at \$35,000,000 a year; "all other un-skilled workers," 120,000, at \$158,000, 600 a year; crossing flagmen, 25,00 at \$25,000,000 a year, and mechanics helpers, 133,000 at \$207,000,000 a year. The total employed in these classes at \$66,000, which means the average pay now is \$1,226,000,000 at year. now is \$1.236 per year, or more than \$100 a month. A 13 per cent, cut would reduce the average pay of these workers by \$169 a year, leaving the average wage at \$1.129, or \$3.63 a day.

COST EPPSTEIN \$10 TO ANNOY ACTRESS

Court Mulcts Pawnbroker for Pinching Girl's Arm and Displaying Revolver.

Albert Eppstein, forty-five, a pawn-broker, of No. 206 West (2nd Street, was fined \$10 by Magistrate Simpson Night Court for annoying Miss Sylvia Seville, nineteen, a chorus girl of No. 69 West 15th Street, while they were at the theatre.

Miss Seville testified the pawnbroker entered the theatre intexicated, and after taking a sent beside her pinched per and threw a revolver in her lap. She said she threw the revolver on the floor and ran acreaming up the alale. and finding a patrolman in front of the theatre, caused the arrest of the pawnbroker on a charge of disorderly con

Eppstein, in court, denied he was in-.oxicated and produced a permit

ON GRANITE STATE

المحرب Miller Asks for Battleship to Replace Burned

Witnesses will appear to-day at the TO LOWER RATES Witnesses will appear to-day at the Municipal Building to testify in the Fire Department's investigation of the blaze that destroyed the New York Naval Militia training ship Granite State, at 97th Street and North River. It is This Sum Would Reduce La- alleged floating oil from a leaking service pipe was set afire by a motor

The 104-year-old hulk has sufficiently coled for some of the members of the Naval Reserve who lived on the ship to investigate their personal losses. Press) .- Nearly \$500,000,000 must be Most of them were completely wiped subtracted from the wages of rail- out. The many trophies housed on the road workers by the Railroad Labor Granite State were destroyed, but the Board at Chicago before the roads contents of the ship's safe, including records and a large sum in Liberty Bonds, were not damaged. Capt. William Bell Wesse, commander of the Granite State, said that Gov. Miller had requested the Navy Department to furalsh a modern battleship to the Naval Militia to replace the burned vessel for





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